PROCEEDINGS
OF
THE TRAVANCORE SRI MULAM ASSEMBLY.

(OFFICIAL REPORT.)

SECOND ASSEMBLY.

ELEVENTH SESSION.

Wednesday, the 29th July 1942/13th Karkatagom 1117.

The Assembly met again in the Legislative Chamber at Eleven of the Clock, the President presiding.

NEW MEMBERS.

The following members took the oath and signed the Rolls :—

1. Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar (*Director of Agriculture*).
2. Rao Bahadur T. V. Venkataswara Aiyar (*Conservator of Forests*).

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Exodus of people from Kottayam Division.

367. ✻**MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether several people in the Kottayam Division leave for Wayanad and its neighbouring districts for agricultural purposes?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Some people have left for Wayanad and neighbouring districts.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: May I know whether Government have investigated the cause for these people leaving the State for cultivation purposes?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: No special investigation has been made so far.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether Government are aware that the population of Kottayam and places round about Kottayam have increased considerably in recent years?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: I claim notice.

Labour Union, Chavara.

368. ✻ **MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR** (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received memorials from the Labour Union, Chavara, regarding some of the grievances of the labourers of the ilmenite factories; and

(*b*) what action was taken by them thereon?

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MR. E. I. CHACKO (*Ag. Director of Industries*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Labour Commissioner discussed the matter severally with the Manager, Travancore Minerals Company, Ltd., and the President of the Mineral Workers' Union. But since then it has been found that, owing to lack of shipping facilities, the work in the factories has been curtailed and they have been nearly closed down. The grievances of the labourers which relate particularly to re-employment can be redressed only when the factories begin normal work and more hands are engaged.

Forest reserves of Cheruvalloor and Vengoor.

369. ✻**MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is a proposal before Government to register the forest reserves of Cheruvalloor and Vengoor in the Quilon Division to any private individual or individuals ; and

(*b*) if so, what steps were taken by Government in the matter ?

RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATASWARA AIYAR (*Conservator of Forests*):

(*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of answer to part (*a*).

Demonstration cocoanut farm.

370 ✻**MR. K. G. GOVINDAN** (*Pattanamtitta*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is, now, any demonstration cocoanut farm under the direct management of the Agricultural Department ; and

(*b*) if any, its name ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Director of Agriculture*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Cocoanut Farm, Oachira.

MR. K. DOMINIC JOSEPH (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*) : May I know whether the farm is running at a loss or not ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : It is self-supporting and from this year onwards it has begun to give a margin of profit.

MR. K. G. GOVINDAN : May I know the acreage and the number of cocoanut trees and the yield of that farm in the years 1115 and 1116 ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : The area of the farm is about 5 acres. There are about 250 cocoanut trees and the yield is 12,000 to 13,000 nuts per year.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM : May I know whether there are very many places in the State where the leaves of cocoanut trees get dried?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : Yes, there are a few places.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM : May I know how that can be remedied ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : They can be controlled by the liberation of parasites.

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